

A Statewide ***"DROP, COVER and HOLD"*** Drill will be an important part of the 2006 Disaster Preparedness Month Activities

This drill will remind Washingtonians what to do when the ground starts to shake.

# Statewide Earthquake Drill

**April 6, 2006 9:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m.**



**WASHINGTON MILITARY  
DEPARTMENT**

***Emergency Management Division***



For more information about earthquake safety, contact your local emergency management office or the state Disaster Preparedness Month Coordinator at (253) 512-7047

- Plan to conduct a drill at home, at school, and at work. Remember, the drill is for everyone in Washington state.
- Between 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., imagine that an earthquake is occurring. **DROP** under a sturdy piece of furniture, **COVER** your head and neck with your arm. **HOLD** on to a leg of the furniture and move with it. Hold that position until the drill message is complete (about 30 seconds).
- A poster to promote the drill is included in this packet. Display the poster well in advance of the drill.
- Use the drill as a springboard to discuss other essential earthquake safety actions with family, friends, students and co-workers.
- Listen for the drill message. In case of a communications interruption, or in the event you are unable to participate in the drill on April 6, broadcast your own message over your facility's public address system or use a different signal, such as a bell or whistle. If you use a signal other than the radio, make certain everyone knows what signal will be used.

## Radio and TV Broadcasts

Washington radio and television stations are urged to promote the statewide earthquake drill and broadcast the drill via the Emergency Alert System (EAS) between 9:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m. on April 6. Call your local radio or television station to see if they plan to broadcast the "Drop, Cover and Hold" message.



## If you are unable to participate on April 6

If you are unable to participate in the statewide drill on April 6, select another day and time convenient for your household, business or school. Practice the correct procedures to take when the ground shakes